

A RESOLUTION

2005-15-11

**SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 57, AUTHORED BY TEXAS
SENATOR JANE NELSON, GRANTING TEXAS
COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE
BILLBOARD CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THEIR
JURISDICTIONS.**

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WHEREAS, Scenic Texas, Inc. ("Scenic Texas"), a non-profit organization with five chapters around the state, including one in San Antonio, has historically supported public policies designed to eliminate billboards from state and local roadways to protect the state's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2005, the Bexar County Commissioner's Court adopted a resolution of support for Senate Bill 57 ("SB 57"), authored by Senator Jane Nelson, which would allow Texas counties to regulate billboard construction within their jurisdictions and Scenic Texas has asked City Council to consider a resolution in support of SB 57; and

WHEREAS, according to Scenic Texas, approximately 330,000 billboards exist today in Texas and in an effort to curtail the proliferation of billboards statewide, many large municipalities, including Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and McAllen have adopted resolutions in support of similarly proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, currently there are 1,908 billboards located in the City of San Antonio and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, which represents a reduction from the 2,243 billboards identified in 1986, and the City presently prohibits billboards in its designated Scenic Corridors; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SB 57 is to grant counties the authority to stop new billboards along roadways that lie within their jurisdictions, but are outside a city's corporate limits and, when used as a management tool for new growth, SB 57 could protect capital projects and other public investments and promote a quality environment that would assist in strengthening the economy of the City and Bexar County; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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Item #27

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of San Antonio hereby supports Senate Bill 57, authored by Senator Jane Nelson, which grants Texas counties the authority to regulate billboard construction within their jurisdictions. A copy of said legislation is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2005.

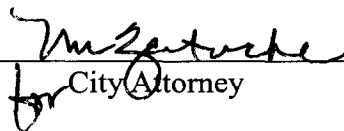


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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 27.

Date: 04/07/05

Time: 04:48:25 PM

Vote Type: Multiple selection

Description: A Resolution supporting Senate Bill 57, authored by Texas Senator Jane Nelson, granting Texas counties the authority to regulate billboard construction within their jurisdictions. [Presented by Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager; J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1	Not present			
JOEL WILLIAMS	DISTRICT 2	Not present			
RON H. SEGOVIA	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA	DISTRICT 6	Not present			
JULIAN CASTRO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
CARROLL SCHUBERT	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10	Not present			
MAYOR ED GARZA	MAYOR		x		